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<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
K5 News @ 6:30pm	Monday – Friday	6:30pm
K5 News @ Nine	Monday – Sunday	9 p.m. 11:30 p.m. (Repeat)

Locally produced local news program featuring issue responsive news, weather and sports stories.

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Weekly editorial segments (2 new segments produced each week) with station General Manager, John Fink. Spots are approximately 60-90 seconds in length.

Public Service Announcements	Various days and times
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Announcements that air throughout the broadcast day regarding issues of public concern.

PUBLIC/PRIVATE SAFETY

Weather, crime, protection, prevention, including positive public safety issues.

LOCAL NEWSCASTS

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

May 20 2009 06:30PM Forecasters are predicting more storms this hurricane season. Last year, only tropical storm kika passed near us. But this year, forecasters are expecting 3 to 5 cyclones, which include depressions, tropical storms or hurricanes.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Jun 30 2009 06:30PM The state's budget crunch, may threaten police officers' ability to check if a person is wanted on a warrant. Today, Honolulu police were scrambling to keep the 24 hour sheriff's warrants office from closing periodically, or at least find a way to minimize the impact. When an officer pulls someone over, a check is usually made on whether that person has an outstanding criminal or traffic warrant.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Apr 2 2009 06:30PM Making sure you're safe at home includes more than just locking your door. Now, you can log onto a website that tells you whether your home is located near hazardous waste. Duane shimogawa tells us how it works.

FLOODING/SEVERE WEATHER

Apr 23 2009 06:30PM The national weather service is tracking a storm system that could cause major flooding across the islands. We now go live to meteorologist, Robert Ballard, at the national weather service Honolulu headquarters.

WASTEWATER ALERT

Apr 19 2009 09:00PM A safety alert from the department of health. Residents in the pauoa and Nuuanu areas should stay out of the water. That's because, around noon today, about 150 gallons of wastewater poured into pauoa stream.

CHINATOWN VIOLENCE

Apr 6 2009 09:00PM Good evening, the growing crime problem in chinatown is our top story tonight on k5 news at nine. Honolulu's police Chief tells us how he's cracking down on crime in the area after a fatal shooting and a stabbing within the past two weeks. Zahid Arab joins us now live with how the Chief plans to keep residents safe.

Apr 7 2009 06:30PM After the recent acts of violence in chinatown, residents are feeling a bit safer tonight now that the Honolulu police department will increase police presence in the area.

Apr 7 2009 09:00PM The Honolulu police department promises it's now increasing police presence in chinatown in response to the recent violence there. Still, residents there tell us they are much more guarded now that gang violence has infiltrated their neighborhood.

Apr 9 2009 09:00PM Honolulu police "up" their patrol to crack down on the recent rash of chinatown crime. They're turning to the community for help in using technology to tackle the growing problem.

Apr 10 2009 06:30PM The city and County of Honolulu steps up efforts to fight crime in Chinatown. The mayor, police chief, city council and community members will all work together in this effort.

Apr 11 2009 09:00PM In Chinatown, residents came out to make sure the battle against crime in their neighborhood doesn't end up becoming all talk and no walk. They held a March at Kekaulike Mall this morning, rallying for more community walks as they try to take back their streets. Honolulu police say they are in the process of building two to three more community patrols.

AUTOMOBILE CELL PHONE BAN

Apr 22 2009 06:30PM Coverage of the City Council's cell phone ban in cars. Come July first, drivers on Oahu won't be able to use an electronic device while behind the wheel and that includes a cell phone. Duane shimogawa has details of the ban.

May 7 2009 06:30PM Honolulu Mayor Mufi hannemann signed the "driver cell phone ban" bill into law today. Starting in July, you won't be able to text message, use a laptop, email or play video games if you're at the wheel. The only way you can use your cell phone is through a hands free device.

Jun 4 2009 06:30PM Police issue a stern warning to Oahu drivers. They say, there won't be a grace or warning period, once the city's new ban on the use of cell phones while driving, takes effect.

Jun 24 2009 06:30PM Just one more week until Oahu drivers experience a big change in how they drive. Beginning next Wednesday, cell phone use while driving is banned, unless you use a hands free device.

Jun 25 2009 06:30PM Here on oahu, starting next week, the new cell phone ban goes into effect for drivers. Only hands free devices will be allowed. The Honolulu police department wants to make sure everyone's ready to comply with the new law.

Jun 29 2009 06:30PM Just two more days to cell phone freedom. Here on oahu, starting Wednesday, cell phone use while driving will be banned and only hands-free devices will be allowed. Leland Kim shows us the different options and where to get them.

Jun 30 2009 06:30PM Today is the last day, oahu drivers can talk on their phone, while behind the wheel. Tomorrow, the cell phone ban for drivers, goes into effect. For the past two months, police officers have been trying to spread the word.

WILDFIRES

May 6 2009 06:30PM As the summer approaches, the weather's been heating up. And for firefighters, that means the beginning of wildfire season. Today, the Honolulu fire department and other emergency response agencies, talked about this crucial period, which runs through September.

IDENTITY THEFT

May 8 2009 06:30PM A woman who became an identity theft victim wants you to know the crime can happen to anyone. When it comes to protecting her financial well being, Gwen Cole doesn't mess around.

SCAM ALERTS

May 8 2009 06:30PM There's a new scam targeting Hawaii taxpayers. State officials say a recorded telephone message, claims you're eligible for a "lifetime tax refund. The government does not offer such a program.

DRIVING SAFETY

May 23 2009 09:00PM And with the memorial day weekend already underway, Honolulu police remind motorists to drive responsibly. Officers were out in force this afternoon at ala moana beach park ticketing drivers for various violations. With 28 traffic related deaths already reported on our roads 9 of them alcohol related law enforcement officials are not only concerned about citing dangerous drivers, but also educating them.

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April 22, 2009 **Shark Byte**

A plan to have tourists watch sharks feed while being housed in cages a few miles off of Koko Marina has been quashed for now. Throwing food into the water to attract a predator as a recreational pursuit just has the sound of a bad news story waiting to happen, doesn't it? And whether it's three-miles offshore or anywhere around our islands that might encourage behavior changes among Mother Nature's creatures, it seems like there must be better and safer ways to earn a buck and entertain people.

On the other hand, safely removing some of the sharks and predators that have been hanging around Chinatown and Pauahi Street and putting them in a different kind of a cage, away from the general public, now that's a venture that makes sense and appears to be a priority for the City of Honolulu right now.

But getting back to commercial activities off shore around these islands, it has been a accepted mandate of most entrepreneurs that they will work in conjunction with one another, and respect the land, the ocean, and the creatures- both human and non-human, in whatever activities they provide. This goes for every day surfers, paddleboarders, jet skiers, fishing enthusiasts, and even commercial ventures. Any future ocean-related activities must also continue to make this a priority. Think about it...

April 27, 2009 **Bye & Cell**

A ban on hand-held cell phone usage will likely take effect on Oahu on July 1. Amazingly, the outcry from the public and businesses in the cellular phone industry was nowhere near what it was seven year ago, when a proposed ban measure never made it out of the backrooms. While it might not be easy for law enforcement officers to identify guilty gabbers going forward, this measure should bring back a certain degree of sanity and safety to our roadways.

Nonetheless, people can still argue and get distracted with hands-free devices, can still scarf down food, and can still play with that minute wheel on their iPods while they drive. Driving is not a recreational pursuit or simply a mode of transportation, it is a responsibility that requires attention to be paid at all times- partially because of you, but also because of the other guy, the guy who doesn't signal, the guy who swerves in and out of lanes to gain 10-seconds every three-miles, and who is apparently struggling with a testosterone problem.

Young drivers, inexperienced to begin with, certainly don't need yet one more distraction alongside loud bass-heavy music, french fries, and friend skanking in the passenger seat. Driving requires mental and physical acuity, and car pilots cannot be at their peak to handle demands of the road physically or mentally when making that extra, often unnecessary, cell phone call. An inconvenience, perhaps, but we are a strong species who will survive this takeaway; after all, we

managed to communicate quite effectively without necking with our cell phones while driving for almost 100-years. Think about it...

May 18, 2009

Shark Shank

Apparently, there is no scientific evidence to suggest a risk to public safety with shark-cage diving tours. That's what one local expert testimony suggested the other day. Really? Why would anyone attempt to lure these magnificent creatures with bloody bait? Simple, for the money, for the adrenaline rush, for the experience.

But does that make it wise? Does that make it a worthwhile endeavor? Operators suggest they don't feed the sharks; well, except for the food that is used to attract the predators. I guess that's not feeding since there is no appetizer or dessert served with the meal. Sure, let's tease the sharks and Mother Nature. We have keen insight as to how they will always respond, don't we? They won't come closer to shore; they won't get used to the sound of boats as a sign of food coming- they'll be able to discern between thrill-seeking tourists and casual boaters and the occasional swimmer; yes, they are that smart- amazing.

According to one expert, when sharks at diving sites were tagged over a two-year period, there was only a "minor presence" in areas near to the shoreline. Well, it might not be so minor if you happened to be out in the water that day, now would it. Supporters suggest that closer-to-shore activities have not caused more incidents with sharks, so these caged encounters shouldn't be a problem; and hey, what's a little bait or chum amongst friends? Some see sharks as 'aumakua- benevolent spirits or family protectors. Let's leave these gliding gladiators of the sea alone. Think about it...

June 8, 2009

Phone Hone

You now have about three-weeks on O'ahu to free your hands up, or risk not talking or texting on the phone in the car while driving. The concept sounds reasonable- make our roads safer. Of course, reading and eating while driving, while stupid, is still perfectly permissible. Any hand-held device is banned while operating a moving vehicle, so be very clear on what this means.

It means you can't make a quick call or receive one while stuck in traffic or at a red light. It means you can make emergency calls- which means 911. It means you can use a walkie-talkie device, but you will have to prove that's what you were doing to the judge if ticketed. It means that if you are caught, you will be fined \$67, with subsequent fines as high as \$500. It means you will have to get a hands-free device, or figure out how to get from here to there without the use of your invaluable cell phone companion.

It can be done, sports fans... after all, many of today's drivers got around just fine for 30 or 40 years without these wireless appendages, and yet still managed to maintain a lifestyle that included regular communication with work, home, their bookie, and friends. Yes, it will be an inconvenience at first, but it will make it easier to enjoy your burger and play with your radio or iPod, without straining your neck to hold the phone. Think about it..

ECONOMY Evaluation, success in the community, business/economic how to's.

LOCAL NEWSCASTS

TOURISM INDUSTRY

Jun 1 2009 06:30PM The tough times continue for Hawaii's hotel industry. In April, occupancy dropped for the 14th month in a row. It fell 5 percent, to 64 percent.

TOUGHING OUT THE BAD ECONOMY

Jun 8 2009 06:30PM Four local guys, friends for more than ten years, have managed to ride out the recession. They started out with one shop in Mililani seven years ago. Today, they have 120 stores around the world.

STATE'S FINANCIAL STRAITS

May 28 2009 09:00PM Our top story tonight revolves around a whopping sum 185 million dollars! That's how much revenue the state is now to predicted to lose this year, nearly double the amount expected just months ago. And that means the Governor must once again scramble to come up with the extra cash to balance the budget. More cutbacks so what's new right? Well, today's newest forecast means serious state budget cuts, so deep, that it could affect your job, your kids education, even your access to healthcare. The Governor tonight said the spending cuts she's already put in place so far this year won't be enough to cover this latest shortfall. In a statement she said she "will be meeting tomorrow and throughout the weekend with her staff to identify options to close the immediate shortfall projected by the council on revenues. The chairman of the state board of education is already pleading that public schools shouldn't be forced to take further cuts.

Jun 1 2009 06:30PM The Governor wants mandatory time off, for all state workers. It's part of a plan, to close the 185 million dollar budget gap with just a month to go, in the current fiscal year. State Democrats say, they understand the situation, the state is in. But they disagree about her plan, to force state employees to take three days a month, of mandatory furlough.

Jun 1 2009 09:00PM State law does not allow the Governor to issue furloughs to workers in the department of education, the University of Hawaii and the Hawaii health systems corporation. Instead, Lingle says she will issue budget cuts that equal to furloughing workers for three days a month. State school leaders say that adds up to an additional 110- million dollars of cuts.

Jun 16 2009 09:00PM Details of Governor Linda Lingle's plan to furlough thousands of state employees may be announced as early as tomorrow. But today three state employee unions headed to court, in the attempt to block the furloughs.

Jun 17 2009 06:30PM A day after three labor unions filed separate suits challenging the Governor's plan to furlough state workers, there are talks of a possible compromise. Union members met with a state rep and federal mediator late this afternoon in Kalihi.

Jun 18 2009 06:30PM The Governor's cost cutting measures are revealed. And it involves: three unpaid Friday's a month for state workers. Lingle says with wage and benefit savings combined, it'll save the state nearly 7 hundred million dollars.

Jun 19 2009 09:00PM The board of education announced today it plans to cope with state budget cuts by moving forward with a combination of paycuts and furlough days. Governor Linda Lingle has suggested 30 furlough days, but right now the board has considered cutting 13 instruction days. Officials estimate closing schools statewide would save 5 point 5 million dollars each day.

Jun 23 2009 06:30PM First, furloughs, and now, the Hawaii government employees association, is legally challenging, layoffs. The union filed suit yesterday, challenging the Governor's plan to issue mass layoffs, if her three day per- month furlough on state workers falls through. The Governor is trying to close a huge, budget gap.

Jun 24 2009 06:30PM Late this afternoon, Governor Linda Lingle issued an executive order to furlough all state employees in the executive branch under her authority. But it does not include the department of education and the University of Hawaii employees. Lingle's

office says putting the workers on furlough will help close more than 2 and half billion dollars in revenue shortfall, expected over the next 2 years.

RETAIL SUCCESS

Apr 1 2009 06:30PM After much anticipation target opened two stores on Oahu nearly a month ago. And it's been a welcome sight for local residents and surrounding retailers. Roger mari shows us how the retail giant is helping those local businesses thrive.

LAYOFFS/DOWNSIZING

Apr 8 2009 06:30PM A group of workers from Oahu's weekly publication Midweek learned over the phone this morning, they no longer have jobs. Twenty three employees from midweek's press and distribution divisions consoled each other this morning after hearing the devastating news. The layoffs come about a month after its sister paper, the Honolulu star bulletin announced, it was cutting 17 from its newsroom.

Apr 10 2009 06:30PM The bad economy hits Bishop Museum. Right now, officials are meeting to determine how many employees will lose their jobs.

FORECLOSURE WOES

Apr 16 2009 06:30PM More bad news tonight, in the housing market. Foreclosures in Hawaii, took a huge leap last month, increasing more than 500 percent, since last year. So is it a good time to get a great deal, on a foreclosed home?

STATE BUDGET

Apr 1 2009 06:30PM The state workers union is criticizing Governor Linda Lingle's plan to cope with the state's two billion dollar budget shortfall. Lingle told the state Senate ways and means committee that workers' wages and benefits must be cut. She said labor costs need to be reduced by almost three hundred million dollars, or there will be layoffs or tax increases.

May 7 2009 06:30PM Governor Lingle gets tough against tax increases. In front of the state capitol today, she vetoed several bills approved this session by lawmakers. House and Senate Democrats reacted quickly at a press conference this afternoon. They say they plan to override Governor Lingle's vetoes. House speaker Calvin say tells us, the tax increases are necessary to balance the state's budget. But hotel workers say, any tax hike would be devastating to their industry, especially now, a time when tourism numbers are at a record low. Leland Kim has more. It's sights like these that make people travel far and wide to come to Hawaii.

May 8 2009 06:30PM Hawaii lawmakers overrode the Governor's vetoes of tax increases. Democrats used their majority status on this last day of the legislative session that means, now, Hawaii's wealthiest residents, will see a jump in their personal income tax. The hotel room tax has also increased.

CITY BUDGET

Apr 13 2009 06:30PM Honolulu's 50 million dollar shortfall could nearly double. Today, the budget committee confronted the possibility the city could fall 43 million dollars deeper in the hole. As mari ela David reports, it all has to do with the "transient accomodation tax".

UNEMPLOYMENT

Apr 4 2009 09:00PM Hawaii, like the rest of the nation has been hit hard with unemployment during this recession. We are at levels we haven't seen for decades, leaving many newly unemployed and well as those out of work for months, searching for a job. In February Hawaii's unemployment rate rocketed to 6.

Apr 17 2009 06:30PM The state's unemployment numbers are now at their highest mark in more than 30 years. Duane Shimogawa spoke to some international college students, who are facing even tougher times when looking for a job.

May 11 2009 06:30PM The competition for summer jobs is heating up. And it will leave many high school and college students in the cold. Paul drewes has the forecast for summer jobs.

Jun 19 2009 09:00PM Hawaii's unemployment rate is now at its highest level since 1977. Our jobless rate was 7 point 4 percent in may, up from 6 point 9 percent the month before. Still, Hawaii's unemployment rate is still below the national figure.

SUPERFERRY – GO OR NO GO?

Apr 6 2009 06:30PM A plan to bring back the superferry gains steam at the Hawaii state legislature. Lawmakers are looking at several ideas that could potentially bring the high capacity ferry service back to our waters.

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April 15 , 2009 Buying Local

There's something to be said for "buying local". Now you can decide just exactly what that means to you, but supporting kama'aina companies and business establishments supports our local tax base and helps to ensure that this sagging economy doesn't get much worse. When you have the choice, when everything is equal in your mind in terms of value and quality, why not support local companies?

Supporting local entertainment- like plays and musical performances, taking a vacation on a neighbor island, buying local produce at the store, these are just some of the ways in which you, as a consumer with choices, can help to support Hawaii businesses and entrepreneurs and thus can really help to make a difference during these trying times.

By supporting Hawaii-grown businesses, you help keep the money at home. Again, this is not to say you should blindly spend only on local goods and services, but when you have the choice, when you have the option, when you weight your options- it sure seems to make sense to "buy Hawaii first". That's a slogan we used 22-years ago in a station marketing effort here, and it's just as appropriate today; perhaps now more than ever. Think about it...

May 6, 2009 Budget By-product

At the end of last week, lawmakers in both the state house and senate agreed on state budget cuts that will hopefully allow the state to move forward over the next two fiscal years without having to do any more hacking. 300 currently vacant state positions will not be filled and general spending will be cut, while new labor agreements with public-worker unions still have to be negotiated.

But keep in mind that all of these numbers and cuts and non-cuts are based on projections, expectations, and hopes. If the economy here worsens or if tourism numbers continue to slide below the recently-uncharted territories, than the state's tax base will not meet the revised projections, and the legislature will be right back at the drawing board, or the cutting board, next session.

The federal stimulus money provided from Washington, D.C., spared state decision-makers from having to make more drastic cuts, and a key now will be to try to get the economic engine revved up again, perhaps soon if local consumer confidence grows and the expectation of local job stability takes hold. The budget dollar figures are so large that it is sometimes hard to comprehend where all of the money goes or doesn't go, but the effects of tough times on all of us and on services provided or not provided in our state are the stark realities of a recession. Think about it...

May 11, 2009 **Business Tripped**

Apparently, Hawaii has already lost about \$100-million in business travel to the state this year. The ripple effect is also being seen, as some booked conventions are now cancelling planned events in Hawaii next year and the year after that.

It's not just about the economy. It's about the perception. Corporate meetings and reward travel, sometimes used as incentives for solid sales performances, often look to exciting locations like Hawaii and Las Vegas. But those getaways just wouldn't look or feel right in these austere times, apparently. Medical, contractor, and insurance conventions scheduled for Hawaii have all been canceled or postponed for years.

So the question now becomes, what can the vibrant, vital visitor industry due to ensure that the cutbacks in business travel to Hawaii do not become an epidemic or a permanent decision after these tough times end? One local hotel sales executive said, "We can't go to them anymore with macadamia nuts and say we want your business- that's not going to work". Some answers have to be found rather quickly, for business travel is simply too big a part of our economy to let it quietly slip away. As we all know perception can rapidly become people's reality. Hawaii has too much to offer to let that happen. Think about it...

June 24, 2009 **When?**

When is a recession no longer a recession? Well, forget the official pundits and guess-masters who have picked some semi-arbitrary date in 2009, 2010, or 2011; this thing ends when *you* say it ends. It ends when you feel more comfortable about your job, your mortgage, your spending vs. earnings, your kids' future. When the bad news is not so bad because car sales or retail sales are off "just" 20% instead of 30%, that's not really a very reassuring sign of a comeback if it continues at that level for months and months, is it?

Everyone has to deal with this situation in his or her own way- by cutting back, by reassessing, by planning, by changing plans. At the same time, the weight of this on many people's shoulders can become more than a nagging pain if they don't find some sane, stress-reduction outlet- an occasional night out, a weekend trip to a Neighbor Island, a good laugh with family and friends, a couple of days off to simply read on the beach (with sunscreen, of course).

So the question of when does this thing end is really an open-ended question with individual answers. There is no single date or time that it all turns around. And things won't be like they were for many people for a long time. How we help each other along the way says a lot about

Hawai'i, its people, and its character; and it just might make the tough times and arduous climb back up more bearable. Think about it...

July 1, 2009

Rolling The Dice

It's going to sound a bit like a desperate solution based on desperate times, but it's really not. The call has been put out there many times before. Now may just be the right time to look at some form of controlled gambling in Hawaii. By controlled I mean either shipboard gambling or one hotel casino site, perhaps a semi-isolated location such as Turtle Bay, with a five-year moratorium on any possible future gambling to make sure that this thing is done right.

Shipboard gambling is, of course, offshore, and should really appeal to visitors who want a different statewide experience as well as the gambling option. I just don't see a groundswell of locals who will decide to go cruising, but either way, nothing on land will be impacted. Option B again would be one site, one hotel, one location for a five-year trial run.

I am well aware of some of the potential pitfalls of gambling. I am also aware that many spots do just fine, and since these local options would have some controls built in, we should all be able to see if this holds promise down the road. And we do need to look down the road, since the allure of Hawaii is not a new phenomenon or an easy sell to many residents in those major markets where we pitch our paradise year in, year out. Maybe it's time to roll the dice, carefully. Think about it...

EDUCATION Issues, successes in the classroom, educational awareness and expert advice.

LOCAL NEWSCASTS

SUCCESS STORIES/INNOVATION

Jun 8 2009 06:30PM Hitting the books is really paying off for five West Oahu schools. Barbers point, Ewa, maili, makakilo and mauka Iani Elementary schools each received 5 thousand dollars, for reaching their goals in the schuler division's "read to win" program. The organization gives schools an incentive to encourage students to read books on their own during the school year.

PUBLIC EDUCATION FINANCIAL WOES

Jun 1 2009 06:30PM With their budget slashed an additional 110 million dollars today, state school leaders say the pressure's on, to sustain quality of education. The department of education says, it's never envisioned or experienced cuts, this deep before. Ideas to absorb the loss include furloughs, school consolidation, increasing class size and reducing consultant services.

Jun 8 2009 09:00PM Our top story tonight could affect thousands of Hawaii families. We're talking about public school lunches. Today the department of education's superintendent Pat hamamoto recommend increasing public school lunch prices from one dollar and 25 cents to two dollars and 20 cents, nearly a buck increase.

Jun 12 2009 06:30PM The department of education meets to discuss ways to trim its budget. The options include work furloughs, program cuts, and a shortened school year.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Apr 8 2009 09:00PM "Save our school, it's a sentiment shared by almost a hundred people tonight who are against the proposed closure of wailupe valley Elementary school. A task force studied the closure and unveiled its results. Tonight, it was time for parents and the public to give their input, before school officials make their recommendation.

May 29 2009 06:30PM The end of the school year is upon us, and some schools will end up closing for good. Duane shimogawa takes us to one private Kauai school, that's shutting its doors, after 15 years. For 15 years, kula school has been nurturing the minds of more than a thousand students.

DRUG-SNIFFING DOGS IN SCHOOLS?

May 26 2009 06:30PM The state board of education considers expanding its drug sniffing dog program to include all public schools. If the proposal passes, it would affect about 175 thousand students.

FUNDING A COLLEGE EDUCATION

May 17 2009 09:00PM The University of Hawaii at Hilo is getting some unexpected, but much needed financial help for its campus programs. As graduation ceremonies got underway yesterday on the Big Island campus, University officials were pleased to hear of the news. A 1 point 5 million dollar donation will go towards funding scholarships and student success.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PRESIDENT

Jun 10 2009 06:30PM The University of Hawaii board of regents has chosen its new president. The regents unanimously voted to appoint marcy Greenwood. She was the lone candidate to replace David McClain as u h president.

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April 6, 2009 What DOE Can DO

The Department of Education is questioning the governor's efforts to use federal stimulus education money to replace state money earmarked for the DOE, which would then be used as general funds to help make up for the growing state deficit. In the plan, some \$30-million in cuts that had been planned would be restored for the next two fiscal years. And, of course, federal mandates dictate that certain criteria must be met to receive additional funding, as disadvantaged schools and disabled students must be constructively dealt with in this whole money mix.

But what about the fact that, even in better fiscal times, many schools can't get enough books, supplies, or working computers? What about the fact that many teachers dig into their own pockets to provide their classrooms and students the very basics to make learning a reality and not an over-hyped mantra? Is now as good a time as any to look at revamping the entire system, to ensure that when this economic crunch eases that our keiki will truly have the best opportunities to allow them to succeed?

Everybody loves education, it's the key to our future, it's a priority; we hear that every election cycle and in public statement sessions whenever it fits. But are we really looking at the details and the direction? Are we willing to say what doesn't work- and then change it? If so, great, then we should see the fruits of these efforts in higher graduation rates, pro-active parental involvement, and test score improvements. If not, then let's either say that we accept mediocrity, or really try to fix the system for good. Think about it...

May 13, 2009 Repair Scare

One of the areas that the new University of Hawaii president will be overseeing is the repair work being done on campus. UH's Manoa campus alone has over a quarter billion dollars of backlog repair and maintenance awaiting funds which simply won't be coming anytime soon. UH-Hilo needs \$30-million of work. Some money has come through. While we know that funding was tight, is tight, and will be tight, we also know that a dilapidated capital facility will not inspire top students nor research funds to come to Manoa or other campuses, and those resources can help to define a school, as well as help to pay for the much-needed upkeep and new facilities at all campuses.

Almost 100 repair projects are underway at Manoa, and other branches of the UH are in dire need of funds to simply keep up. While the legislature is doing what it can with limited resources, the dilemma of upkeep at UH seems to be an annual one. The pictures of a still-under-repair Hamilton Library are like déjà vu all over again, and we know how long it took to get Cooke Field resurfaced.

Now would be a tough time to dramatically raise tuition and fees, but non-traditional means of raising capital have got to be found and acted upon to ensure that the disrepair does not get worse,

or become a dramatic safety issue. We all take pride when we look at our great, state university; let's make sure it doesn't become a blight for sore eyes. Think about it...

June 15, 2009

Un-Presidented

Some people are decrying the decision made last week on our new University of Hawaii president. Some question an episode in her past, some question the supposed lack of local candidates, some question the final verdict since two other finalists dropped out.

Have you ever been part of a selection committee, tasked with a difficult and important choice? Have you ever vetted candidates throughout the arduous process, knowing that your actions would be looked at through the prism of the media and public opinion? Have you ever been in a position to choose the best candidate faced with the absolute facts placed in front of you, rather than veering down a road of emotions based on perceived options? It's easy to suggest a local candidate would be best, even logical sometimes, but that's true only if the best and most qualified candidate for a job is, in fact, a local option.

An integral knowledge of the inner workings of our state might be a key criteria for a UH president, as, unfortunately, politics play too large a role in the job, but does that mean that a newcomer steeped in educational bureaucracy cannot learn and grasp that reality here? We've had non-local mayors and governors many times before; obviously, they got to go through a longer learning curve in those positions, but they seemed to be able to grasp the nuances. Let's assume the best choice was made and support our new university president. After all, it's our university, and we need it to be the best it can be through our actions and words. Think about it...

June 17, 2009

Win-Win For Schools & Kids

There's a great program out there now that can help you help you raise funds for your public school. No, it's not chili or candy or laulau or cookies or a car wash or kids trolling with nets, it's part of an independent program called Learning Point Rewards, and it gives a percentage of sales to the school of your choice when you simply shop at many of your favorite local stores, from restaurants to supermarkets to retail shops, and swipe your Learning Point Rewards card. The program is already working in Idaho and Utah.

Students also earn points with each purchase made that will ultimately allow them to shop for goodies online as the rewards card is used by family and friends. Again, it's pretty simple. If you shop, talk to your merchant about getting involved- it helps him or her spur neighborhood business, it helps your child, and it helps your public school. Most Oahu schools have signed up for this program, some have already distributed the cards for kids to take home, with more to be distributed when school starts up again in late July.

Whether its technology equipment or sports equipment, early advocates suggested this is a great way for schools to fill the funding gap, according to a *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* article last week. It sure sounds like the ultimate win-win, and there are no carbs, sugars, or calories necessarily involved in this fundraiser. Check it out at learningpointrewards.com, and think about it...

June 29, 2009

Doggin' It

Who let the dogs out? Well, if it has its way, the state Board of Education will be letting the dogs out on public school campuses with random locker searches. This will most assuredly become a classic case of the rights of the individual and the Constitution as it relates to searches and seizures vs. the right of the department of education to better ensure a safe campus environment for students.

The mere fear of drug-sniffing dogs might give pause to the few miscreants on some school campuses. Of course, it might mean they simply move their nefarious ways off-campus, but it will allow students, parents, teachers, and administrators a bit more comfort while on public school grounds. Opponents suggest the pooch patrol efforts have not been proven to work elsewhere, and/or that this is all an unwarranted invasion of privacy, which is not a good civics lesson for students.

The Supreme Court last addressed school searches back in 1985, and while that case was not one involving drug-sniffing dogs, the court did assert that public school students do not automatically earn the same rights as adults in other places, and the schools do have responsibility to act in place of parents. You can be sure that this doggie decision will not quickly and quietly be put into place, as both sides get their paws up before possible implementation. Think about it...

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Stewardship, sustainability and long-term awareness...issues and the importance of the environment in the island community.

Local Newscasts

EARTH AND SEA PROJECT

Apr 1 2009 06:30PM A Honolulu garden is not only going green, it's going "clean. The garden grows flowers, herbs, trees and something you can find in your own bathroom. Tracy gladden explains, in tonight's earth and sea project report.

Apr 2 2009 06:30PM A new report shows ocean life and habitats at Hawaii's marine national monument are in good overall condition. The national oceanic and atmospheric administration credits papahānaumokuākea's remoteness, past management, and regulations for it's health. But scientists say the monument still faces emerging threats, such as marine debris and invasive species.

Apr 5 2009 09:00PM First they were growing green, now they're going green. Oahu's first completely green Farmer's market welcomed its first customers this morning.

Apr 8 2009 06:30PM The first Pacific islands regional whale watching guidelines are out, here are the key points. It encourages realistic expectations of seeing whales to avoid breaking rules. When there's interaction, allow the whales to determine how close or how long you may stay around. These guidelines aim to minimize any potential negative impacts tourism activities have on whales and their environment. Duane shimogawa went to Maui where more than half of all humpback whales that come to Hawaii, migrate.

Apr 8 2009 06:30PM Easter is only days away, and this week's earth and sea project takes us to the North shore, where beautiful waimea valley offers a traditional way to celebrate the holiday. Chief meteorologist sharie shima, tells us how nature can create a kaleidoscope of colors.

Apr 15 2009 06:30PM Students at a local high school are growing plants without dirt. It's called "aquaponics. And the kids are achieving great results.

Apr 21 2009 06:30PM Kakaako has become a bit greener. Not because of new plants or parks, but because of an industrial building. Paul drewes shows us what's inside the new warehouse.

Apr 22 2009 06:30PM It's estimated that at least a billion people in more than 170 countries are celebrating earth day today. In downtown Honolulu, dozens of vendors lined Fort Street mall to show off their earth- friendly products and services. Seven year old Duke Kenney got a trim from the Hawaii institute of hair design, which donated today's proceeds to environmental groups in Hawaii.

Apr 22 2009 06:30PM On the Big Island, there's a farm that doesn't grow a thing, but is taking a lot of heat. Paul drewes explains in tonight's earth and sea project report. It looks like something from a science fiction movie, but these are specially designed solar panels.

May 9 2009 09:00PM They say seeing is believing, and after seeing how bad of shape an east Oahu bay is in, Elementary students decide to do something about it, and they hope to encourage others to help. Maunalua bay is not only a recreation area for boaters and surfers, it is also a living classroom for hundreds of Island Elementary students, who have been cleaning up the bay while studying this fragile ecosystem.

May 17 2009 09:00PM It's like a mini landfill at the bottom of the ocean. A long overdue clean up of Honolulu harbor is not the end of an environmental effort. Paul drewes tells us, it's rather the kick off of a new Island company's educational endeavors.

May 27 2009 06:30PM When you visit the Honolulu zoo the animals are probably the first thing you notice. But there's a lot more happening behind the scenes to keep the popular Oahu attraction nice and green and earth friendly! Look at the zoo's commitment to the environment.

Jun 3 2009 06:30PM Two teams from St. Andrew's priory, recently returned from the international science and engineering fair in Reno, Nevada. And one of them, brought home a special prize. In tonight's earth and sea project report, roger mari takes a look at Hawaii's award winning projects.

Jun 7 2009 09:00PM A trip to Hawaii for one of the world's leading authorities on plastic pollution is anything but a vacation. He is here to bring more awareness about this issue in our islands. Duane shimogawa has more on what you can do to help our ocean environment.

Jun 8 2009 06:30PM The Waikiki aquarium and primo beer joined forces to clean up our beaches, on "world oceans day. Employees and about 25 volunteers started at sandy beach on east Oahu. Then they cleaned up the coast, all the way to Davis beach.

Jun 10 2009 06:30PM Every week, Honolulu city and county crews, collect literally, tons of green waste. Roger mari rides along with them in tonight's earth and sea project report. At the crack of dawn they rev up and roll out for the moings green waste pick up ives hit the streets of Kaneohe looking fothese green bins.

Jun 17 2009 06:30PM One local company's product is getting flattened, in the quest for greener, recycled materials. And this Island business, couldn't be happier about it. Paul drewes explains why, in today's earth and sea project report.

Jun 24 2009 06:30PM In this week's earth and sea project report, a chocolate lovers dream is sprouting up on the Garden Isle. And as Duane shimogawa shows us, it's growing in the form of trees Hawaii is the only state where chocolate trees grow. Steelgrass farm on Kauai's eastside is one of only few places where you can find these types of trees.

TRAFFIC Coping with, the future of, and alternatives.

Local Newscasts

ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS

Jun 16 2009 06:30PM Tomorrow, the state will roll out this fleet of tow trucks, called the freeway service patrol, or f s p. Oahu drivers who run into unexpected car problems, can get emergency roadside help for free! The trucks will roam h 1 and moanalua freeway, looking for stranded drivers, on weekdays, from 5 a m to 7 p m. Services include changing flat tires, jump starting dead batteries, radiator refills, and providing a gallon of gas. It's a pilot program designed to prevent traffic backups, especially during rush hour.

MASS TRANSIT

Apr 14 2009 09:00PM It isn't set to be up and running until 2011, but tonight, Waipahu residents got a chance to weigh in on the look of the 5 point 4 billion dollar Honolulu mass rail transit system and the rail stations that will be built in their neighborhood. Zahid Arab was at the meeting tonight and joins us live. Waipahu will have two "touch down" stations, that's where elevated portions of the total 20 mile rail route meets the ground level.

Apr 21 2009 06:30PM Already underway, is a panel discussion of local architects, about Oahu's future rail system. The topic is the 5 point 4 billion dollar transit line's impact on the city. The public forum is at the Honolulu design center.

May 10 2009 09:00PM The wheels are in motion, rail transit picks up speed towards its ground breaking Construction, set for the end of this year. The first leg starts in Kapolei. And West Oahu's community will get to decide what the rail stations there should look like.

ROADWORK IMPACT

Apr 5 2009 09:00PM Drivers get ready for more roadwork! As the state steps up a major renovation project. While residents along Oahu's busiest freeway brace for noise and construction throughout the night. Another Highway construction headache is headed our way that drivers will have to deal with. Starting tomorrow night and for the next six to eight months, three of the five lanes of the h 1 freeway east bound in Pearl city will be affected. And people who live in or near the construction zone will be, too.

FAMILY/COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

Dealing with family and community issues/needs, awareness, advice, and resources available.

LOCAL NEWSCASTS

HELPING HANDS

May 23 2009 09:00PM Some volunteers spent their holiday weekend adding some color and curb appeal to Pearl harbor kai Elementary school. Armed with paint and a brush, members of the locations foundation helped brighten up the school by re striping the parking lots. The not for profit also gave a 5000 check to Hawaii 3 r's.

May 27 2009 06:30PM The rotary club of Honolulu has generously helped the less fortunate in the philippines for the past six years. Duane shimogawa spoke with members who just returned home from a humanitarian trip there and has more on their mission. For these three men, volunteering comes easy.

Jun 11 2009 06:30PM Some people spent their holiday, hard at work. They volunteered their time, at moanalua Elementary school, painting over parking stalls, crosswalks and curbs. It was part of the three r program, which awarded the school, nearly 4 thousand dollars. And more good will, with a special delivery, this time from Saint Francis school. Students donated more than 6-hundred toys to underprivileged kids in the philippines. They answered a call from a Saint Francis alum, who wanted to help sick children at a hospital in manila.

CARING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

May 9 2009 09:00PM Hawaii mail carriers joined the rest of the nation today, to help stamp out hunger. In Pearl city mail carriers collected bags of food donations for the 17th annual event. It's the nation's largest one day effort to combat hunger.

Jun 25 2009 06:30PM The Sony open in Hawaii may have wrapped up 5 months ago but the big pay out came this morning. As Howard dashefsky reports, the tournament's charitable arm delivered a much needed shot "in the arm, to more than a hundred local non profit organizations. For the past 11 years, the "friends of Hawaii charities, has played the role of Santa Claus for dozens of local organizations in need.

HOMELESS

Apr 2 2009 09:00PM Nearly 15 thousand people are without permanent shelter tonight. That's nearly double than a decade ago. And that's only the homeless we know about.

Apr 20 2009 06:30PM Kapiolani park and kuhio beach go through a major change starting tonight. They'll be closed nightly, as part of a new campaign by the city, to clean up the area and to keep the homeless from living there.

PROGRAM: THINK ABOUT IT

DATE/TIME AIRED: Mondays, 9:30pm and 11:55pm
Wednesdays, 9:30pm and 11:55pm
(See scripts for exact dates.)

DURATION: 60 – 90 seconds

SUMMARY/SCRIPT:

May 20, 2009 **Local Reality Check**

Where will Hawaii be in 20 years? In 30 years? You know, what kind of place will this be to live? Will we resolve some of the pressing issues of the day- cost of living; business growth beyond tourism; energy alternatives; the love of the way things were with the realities of the way things are, and will be; traffic flow and lack of flow; defining local by who acts with a sense of aloha as opposed to those who just talk about it; opportunities for our kids; educational gains or failings; protecting our land and water resources?

Forgetting about this oppressive recession for just a minute, we have lots of other areas of concern in Hawaii, and it will take an enlightened citizenry to ensure that we evolve, to see to it that these pressing issues don't get ignored or just talked about with no action plans and accountability, and a part-time legislature cannot be expected to provide solutions. Issues such as traffic, education, consumer prices, homelessness, housing, and job opportunities are perennials.

Obviously, we don't have all the answers here. Sometimes, it's good to seek help elsewhere, to take advice, to learn from others. That's what our elders have taught us. Sometimes, it's not good to just accept what is as the best it can be. So who will step up to make sure that the Hawaii of tomorrow is a great place to live and to raise our kids? If we don't nurture and respect our home, will the kids want to stay? Passive lip service paid to recurring problems is not the answer; and that's a lesson we can start teaching our kids by acting and solving now. Think about it...

May 27, 2009 **Military Salute**

We are coming to the end of Military Appreciation Month this weekend, and whether or not you are a big fan of our specific war efforts right now, this month represents a moment for all of us to be more cognizant of our military, its efforts, and provides a timely moment to say "thanks". That's all, just a simple thank you to a passing woman or man in military dress would be a thoughtful sign that you care about and appreciate those who defend your rights abroad, every day.

What else can you do? Send an e-mail or letter of thanks; send a care package overseas; fly the flag in your yard or at work; wear a wristband showing support. There are lots of ways to show your appreciation for the valiant efforts of these people who diligently carry out their assigned duties both here in Hawaii and wherever they are called, sometimes at a moment's notice, and often times, in harm's way.

That guy you just passed in the mall... he might have had two or three tours of duty already. That woman having a meal at the restaurant table next to you... she might be about to leave for an assignment overseas. I know we're all taught not to talk to strangers, but a simple "thanks for all you do" might go a long way, especially coming from a complete stranger. It's Military Appreciation Month for a few more days- and you can do your part. Think about it...

GOVERNMENT, Keeping tabs on government officials and their agenda(s)/business.

LOCAL NEWSCASTS

EXECUTIVE ACTION/INACTION

Jun 5 2009 09:00PM Governor Lingle today signed a bill into law, that protects manta rays in Hawaiian waters. The new law, establishes criminal penalties and fines, for knowingly killing or capturing manta rays, within state waters. There are exceptions for research and educational purposes.

VOTING ISSUES

Jun 18 2009 06:30PM A polling place near you may not be open next election. In a cost cutting measure, the state office of elections plans to close more than 60 polling places on Oahu. The areas include Waipahu, Hawaii kai and Kailua.

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SUMMARY/SCRIPT:

April 1, 2009 SuperFerry Supernova

Superman was impervious to bullets and bombs as he went about his business; super glue is supposed to be the greatest bonding product of all time- it's not; the Super Bowl is the ultimate championship of U.S. football. The list of "super"lative items goes on and on. But what of the SuperFerry? Did it not live up to its expectations as an alternative mode of transport? It did, providing a quality service, helping businesses, consumers, charities, and even keeping its extremities away from sea life during its currently-short tenure here.

What SuperFerry couldn't do in the long haul was rely on the very same people who assured it that it would be able to operate while an Environmental Impact Statement was being undertaken. Sure, there are plenty who will say "I told you so", that the EIS should have been properly completed before the ship set sail. But the SuperFerry was assured that that they would have smooth sailing by the top branches of our state government, and now the State Supreme Court has said, "not so fast". The legislation that was invalidated means we might not see this ship sail again, at least not in our waters, and the business ripples are just beginning to affect those who had grown accustomed to this burgeoning enterprise.

So while we still have really big ships plowing between islands and through our ocean whose environmental impact probably has greater day-to-day impact than the SuperFerry did, we have

managed to dock this effort because the adults in charge could not get it right in the first place, at whatever level you want to place blame. And perhaps even sadder- it's not a shock to many longtime locals. Think about it...

April 29, 2009 **Voter Turnout, Or Turn Off**

Voter turnout in last week's Windward City Council election was 45%. By local historical standards, that's a big increase over the normal numbers of late. But when you realize that this vote was handled primarily by mail, it's still a stunning display of apathy and indifference by voters. Over half of the eligible voters could not even find the time or interest to check a box off and put it back in the mail.

It has been suggested that things don't change much in Hawaii, or certainly don't change very fast. Not voting and not getting involved in the processes that might encourage change that you want to see- that's a surefire way to ensure that status quo is maintained. And if status quo is OK by you, then I guess voting is just one of those things that can be avoided every couple of years or even in special elections when the ballot shows up on your doorstep and requires a simple check mark.

For those of you who do vote regularly, good for you. Hopefully, you get what you want more often than not, as you are the active participants in the democratic system, and while elected officials represent all of us, the ones who vote are truly the ones taking advantage of a right and a privilege that too many others here take for granted or ignore year after year. Think about it...

June 1, 2009 **Neighborhood Bored**

What if they held an election and no one showed up? What if they held an election and no one ran? Well, it's not quite that bad, but the recent turnout, or lack of turnout, for the neighborhood board elections indicates that something's wrong in the big city. Only 6% of eligible voters bothered to transmit their votes electronically or by phone, which were the only ways to vote this time around.

One of the reasons for the low turnout by voters was the incredibly low turnout of candidates. Over 60% of the areas had uncontested races, which means if mommy voted for you, you're in! This is in no way meant to condemn the intent of these community boards, nor is it meant to impugn the fine people who take the time to volunteer and run for these offices. I don't think people realize just exactly what it is that neighborhood board members do, or why this grassroots effort has a value to communities and neighborhoods.

Sure, hackers might get involved, just like voter fraud is always a possibility at polling places. As they used to say in Chicago and New Orleans, "vote early and vote often". To really get people to vote, the system might not matter so much as the message being sent- get the people interested, involved and to the point where they see the value of their vote, and they are more likely to show up- on-line, on the phone, or at the polls. Think about it...

June 22, 2009 **Kim Gee**

An old truism in child-rearing says don't threaten your child with a punishment unless you plan to follow through. No follow through, no repercussion for unacceptable deeds, no lesson learned. Taking this concept to the political realities of 2009, we have a country, North Korea, which seems to be threatened with sanctions and such time and time again by the international community. It's hard to cut off a country which pretty much seems to exist in its own world by cutting itself off, but the stakes just got a wee bit higher as reports indicate that North Korea just may be preparing to fire a missile in our direction sometime early next month.

While little can be said by military officials in this country, you can be sure that our wary eyes on this habitual defier just got a little bit more focused. The Japanese newspaper that reported the story said that the missile would not be able to reach our islands, but the mere fact that this report might have some credence certainly means that everyone- from China to Russia to Japan to the U.S.- has to do a better job of ensuring that this xenophobic nation does not become more than just a mysterious nuisance.

Relationships with North Korea, strained at best for many, many years, have now taken on greater urgency with reports of inevitable nuclear capabilities and missiles capable of reaching further destinations- perhaps even the West Coast of this country in a few years. This is not a simple game with a simple answer, but the international community must do a better job in difficult times to help ensure that we all feel a bit safer. Think about it...

HEALTH Education and resources available.

LOCAL NEWSCASTS

PANDEMIC PREPARATION

Apr 14 2009 06:30PM When the next disease pandemic hits Hawaii, who should be the first to get a vaccine? As mari ela David reports, experts say it's not a matter of "if" it happens, it's a matter of "when".

Apr 20 2009 06:30PM It's an online game, with a very serious twist. State officials are creating, an interactive game, to help local residents better understand and get ready for, the next, flu pandemic.

Apr 22 2009 06:30PM When, the next flu pandemic hits, hospitals in Hawaii are ready. They tag teamed to put together an emergency plan, that includes having seven stockpiles of medical supplies and equipment, hidden in highly secure areas across the state. Mari ela David has a look at the largest stockpile of them all.

SWINE FLU

Apr 25 2009 09:00PM No cases of the swine flu have been reported here in Hawaii, but health officials are asking doctors to send virus specimens from patients showing flu symptoms to the state lab for testing. Duane shimogawa spoke with the state's epidemiologist today and has more. SOUNDBITE: STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S DR. SARAH PARK.

Apr 26 2009 09:00PM The centers for disease control advises people to wash hands often with soap and water. This helps remove germs from your skin and helps prevent diseases from spreading. Also cover your mouth and nose with tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Apr 27 2009 06:30PM Hawaii state officials say swine flu has not reached our state yet. But they say now is not the time to let our guard down. SOUNDBITE: Governor Linda Lingle. Still, air travelers are wondering if they're at risk. And state health officials say, swine flu, is easily transmissible, from person to person. Leland Kim is live at the capitol to tell us how vulnerable Hawaii is. The state's lab is on standby, if the swine flu reaches the islands. It handles potentially dangerous bacteria and viruses such as West Nile, avian flu, even the swine flu, if it makes its way to our state. Mari ela David has this exclusive behind the scenes look at the facility. Concern is also spreading over some misinformation about the swine flu. Paul drewes joins us live to separate fact from fiction. Influenza has been around for thousands of years, constantly changing and evolving.

Apr 27 2009 09:00PM Governor Linda Lingle: "People should not be alarmed by this outbreak, but they should exercise concern." Hawaii state officials say swine flu has not reached our islands yet. But they say now is not the time to let our guard down. The swine flu situation across the country and around the world seems to be only getting more dangerous. The world health organization tonight elevated the world's pandemic level to "phase four" on a scale of one to six. "Phase four" means there are: "sustained disease outbreaks" of a new and potentially dangerous flu virus and "marks a significant upwards shift in the risk for a pandemic."

Apr 28 2009 06:30PM The centers for disease control reports Hawaii still has no confirmed cases of swine flu. Hawaii health officials stress the protocols are in place to address any potential threat in the state. Zahid Arab is live at the state capitol with more on this proactive approach. Right now officials say our airports and entry points into the state are our top priority. But some lawmakers say the state is not doing enough to protect Hawaii and its residents from swine flu. SOUNDBITE: St Sen Mike Gabbard. "It seems to me, like it's a done deal, like it's going to happen here and I just don't think we're trying hard enough that we should make more of an effort to be more proactive so that it does not get into Hawaii. A swine flu outbreak in Hawaii, wouldn't just be a health concern, it would also damage our already weak economy. Paul drewes reports on steps the state could take to lessen the economic effects of an outbreak. A leading infectious diseases expert believes, there's a good chance, swine flu could eventually hit Hawaii. But he says it probably, won't reach a pandemic level. Hawaii's lab is looking out for the virus. Yesterday, we showed you an exclusive look, "inside" the facility. Tonight, mari- ela David shows us its emergency response lab.

Apr 29 2009 06:30PM If the virus spreads to Hawaii, experts say it will most likely come from passengers flying into our airports. Leland Kim shows us what some Air travelers are doing to protect themselves, and what the centers for disease control and prevention is doing to keep all of us safe. This has become a common sight in Mexico and states that have confirmed cases of swine flu. Hawaii schools are also on alert, keeping a close eye on children. Mari ela David finds out what faculty members are doing to protect students. It's basic hygiene 101.

Apr 29 2009 09:00PM Tonight, the state's top health leaders joined KHNL and k5 news for the final installment of a special report, "vaccine: surviving Hawaii's next pandemic. They offered insight about what the state is doing to protect Hawaii residents from the swine flu. Our mari ela David joins us now live with more questions for this important panel about this possible global pandemic.

May 4 2009 09:00PM The latest on the swine flu virus, which has already spread to 36 states. Tonight, Hawaii is awaiting test results to see if the virus has also been found here. Preliminary tests this weekend, are believed to be positive for swine flu, at the Hawaii state laboratory.

May 5 2009 06:30PM The swine flu is now in Hawaii. There are three confirmed cases in the islands. The u s centers for disease control and prevention reports, the patients all live on Oahu. With the swine flu cases now confirmed, Hawaii's medical community is taking its emergency plan to another level. Mari ela David tells us how healthcare leaders are preparing for more cases. If you take a look behind me, medical reps from hospitals nursing homes, assisted living facilities and such are actually going through training to put on respirators, which protect health care workers from the swine flu virus.

May 5 2009 09:00PM Doctors, nurses and members of the public gathered at the Queen's Medical Center today, to learn how to take care of patients with swine flu. SOUNDBITE: Infectious Disease Expert Dr. Alan Tice. "It can cause epidemics as well as pandemics and it is a versatile creature in being able to allude the immune system in many respects and vary in terms of the diseases it manifests."

May 6 2009 06:30PM Two more suspected cases of swine flu on oahu. The U.S. Centers for disease control will confirm, if the two adults are carriers of the virus. These latest cases were *not discovered by a physician, which is how it usually happens. It was just yesterday Hawaii confirmed its first three cases of swine flu. And today, officials at public and private schools say, they are ready and have a plan in place.

May 7 2009 06:30PM The state department of health confirmed two more confirmed cases of the swine flu. Lab officials say, in both cases, the two adults living on Oahu did not travel outside the state. The patients know each other, and are recovering in isolation at their homes.

May 8 2009 06:30PM Another confirmed case of swine flu in Hawaii. This time, on the uh manoa campus.

May 8 2009 09:00PM A sixth swine flu case confirmed in hawaii this time a student living in a university of hawaii at manoa dorm has contracted the virus. Officials are also looking into a possible seventh case, also at u h. With more than 20 thousand students, faculty and staff on campus, this case is especially a cause for concern.

May 9 2009 09:00PM A day after a confirmed case of the swine flu virus surfaced on the uh manoa campus, the University opened its health services office to students. U h officials say about 50 students visited the clinic today, which is normally closed on the weekends. Yesterday, it was announced that a woman living in the Hale wainani dorms came down with the virus.

May 13 2009 06:30PM Four, new confirmed cases of the swine flu, bringing Hawaii's total to ten. They include a student and a teacher from anuenue school in palolo valley. The department of health says there are no plans to cancel classes there. Concerns about the swine flu, are leading to changes at this weekend's graduation ceremonies at the University of Hawaii at manoa. U h officials will skip the traditional handshake at the Stan sheriff center. There will be hand wipes and washing stations available.

May 14 2009 09:00PM Five new confirmed swine flu cases in Hawaii. The four children and one adult are unrelated. One child is from anuenue school, where a teacher and a student were confirmed to have the virus yesterday. The other new cases come from students at aina hina Elementary, Mililani middle school, and a private school. Duane shimogawa joins us now live with reaction from principals and parents at those schools. Most parents at both Mililani

middle school and aina haina Elementary found out about it when they picked up their kids. The swine flu scare is stopping many tourists from Japan from vacationing in Hawaii. So far this year, nearly 3 hundred thousand Japanese have come here. That's about six percent less from this time last year. May 18 2009 06:30PM Health officials say five new cases of swine flu in Hawaii are linked to anuenue school in palolo valley. They include three anuenue siblings and their parent, and an anuenue student, unrelated to that family. This brings the total number of anuenue school swine flu cases to fourteen. With the number of swine flu cases on the rise, is there anything you can do to better protect yourself from the h1n1 virus? Leland Kim has some answers.

May 20 2009 06:30PM Hawaii has three more confirmed cases of swine flu. And all three are kids. One is a student at Mililani mauka Elementary.

May 21 2009 06:30PM Seven new swine flu cases bring Hawaii's total to 40. They include three adults and four children. One student is from Waite Elementary, another is from Mililani middle.

May 26 2009 06:30PM There are 14 new cases of swine flu in Hawaii, including the first, on the Big Island. Six are adults and eight are school aged children. The University of Hawaii manoa has two cases a student and a staff member.

May 27 2009 06:30PM Hawaii has thirteen new swine flu cases today, bringing the state's grand total to 71. Five are adults, seven are school aged children, and one is an infant. Oahu public schools have five new cases.

Jun 3 2009 06:30PM The number of swine flu cases in Hawaii continues to climb. The department of health reports 33 new cases since last Wednesday. All of them are Oahu residents, who have recovered or are recovering at home.

Jun 10 2009 06:30PM State health officials confirm, the first, two cases of swine flu, on Kauai. Both patients are recovering at home. The department of health confirmed, 83 Hawaii cases since last week.

Jun 11 2009 09:00PM The global swine flu outbreak entered a new phase today. The world health organization declared it a pandemic the first in 40 years. The world health organization calls the pandemic moderate, but still in early stages. The Hawaii state department of health had this to say. "The raising of the pandemic alert level by the world health organization, was not meant to alarm the public or cause undue concern. The situation in Hawaii at this time, remains the same, with all cases recovering at home with no complications."

Jun 13 2009 09:00PM An American drug company announced the world's first swine flu vaccine will go on sale next month. Technology from Illinois based "Baxter international" cut the usual time it takes to develop a vaccine, in half. The drug is now in production, and will hit pharmacies in July.

Jun 17 2009 06:30PM State health officials confirm, 100 new cases of swine flu in Hawaii, in the past week. 98 Cases are on Oahu, one on Maui and one on Kauai. There are no new cases on the Big Island this week.

Jun 29 2009 06:30PM The department of health tonight confirms Hawaii's *first swine flu death. Doh says the victim was in his or her late 60's and died at the tripler army Medical Center on June 19th.

Jun 30 2009 06:30PM The Queen's Medical Center confirms, several employees, have been infected with swine flu. They work in different departments at the main hospital, and are recovering at home. As Leland Kim reports, hospital officials say they're doing the best they can to prevent the virus from spreading.

VOG: HAWAII IN CRISIS

Jun 15 2009 06:30PM Ask anyone living on the Big Island about vog and they'll have a story to share. You can see it, smell it, even taste it, they say. But what no one can say for sure, just yet, are the long term effects vog has on the health of residents there. What is clear, is that the vog, is definitely having an impact on the daily life of many on the Big Island. For more on just how the winds, play such a Big part in how "vog" spreads let's turn to our Chief meteorologist, Sharie Shiima and here's a look at just how thick the vog can be on the Big Island. These two pictures were taken on the same day. So what can people do to quickly lessen the impact of vog on their health? The answer, doctors tell us, is actually quite simple.

Jun 16 2009 06:30PM Trade winds cause a nearly constant haze of vog, along the Big Island's Kona coast. And when the Air quality affects residents' health, many turn to the Kona

community hospital. Duane shimogawa reports from kealakekua. Keeping a child "indoors" during recess is normally reserved for students who "misbehave. But that's not the case on the Big Island. Every student is kept inside when the Air quality is deemed "unhealthy" during times of heavy vog.

Jun 17 2009 06:30PM Hawaii Island is full of dangers from earthquakes, to eruptions. But it can be a health hazard for many Big Island residents. Paul drewes introduces us to one woman struggling to clear the Air over vog.

Jun 17 2009 09:00PM We head back to the Big Island now, for a look at how vog makes it difficult for a life saving crew from Kona, to do their job. Duane shimogawa has the story. Hawaii life flight has saved many lives since taking flight in December.

Jun 18 2009 06:30PM We've seen the effect vog has on your health, tonight a look at the toll its taken on local businesses. Farmers say their crops are no match against the sulfur dioxide from nearby halemaumau crater. Nestled in peaceful, rural kau business is blooming at mcall flower farm. And it's not just farmers, even animals are also effected by the sulfer dioxide. Dan pancake took these pictures. He and his family live 4 miles from halemaumau. While there's really not much, people can do to minimize the impacts of vog, the department of health has a unique way to track dangerous levels of sulfur dioxide. Duane shimogawa reports. Nestled at the top of the konawaena High School campus is what acutally looks like a portable classroom.

Jun 19 2009 06:30PM It seems like the common sense thing to do. Go to the hospital if you're feeling sick. But for kau residents who suffer from respiratory problems, the nearest hospital may not be the best place to be on vogy days. While no one can stop the vog, efforts are underway to limit exposure and uncover its harmful effects. Paul Drewes has that story. The Island of Hawaii is home to spectacular scenic sights, from waterfalls, to fragrant flower filled settings, but one of the biggest draws of the Big Island is Kilauea volcano.

FLESH-EATING BACTERIA

May 4 2009 06:30PM Students and staff at Pearl city high are in mourning tonight, after the sudden death of a popular teacher. The school contacted state health officials today, after hearing, a flesh eating bacteria killed him.

HAWAII'S ICE PROBLEM

Jun 5 2009 09:00PM It's a drug that destroys lives and costs Hawaii, half a billion dollars every year. But a new campaign hopes to stop Crystal meth addiction in Hawaii.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON HEALTH CARE

Jun 2 2009 06:30PM Those in the medical field, are also concerned, about how the proposed budget cuts, will affect the health care system. Last year, Hawaii's hospitals lost 150 million dollars. The year before, they lost another 150 million.

EMERGENCY CARE

Jun 21 2009 09:00PM We continue our exclusive coverage tonight of an ambulance with wings. Hawaii Air ambulance Hawaii life flight has partnered with a Maui health clinic to help residents learn life saving skills. Duane shimogawa rode co pilot in the Air ambulance, and takes us on the crew's journey to help a remote part of the Island.

LOCAL PROGRAMMING

VACCINE: SURVIVING HAWAII'S NEXT PANDEMIC

3 x 60-minute specials

Sunday, April 19 at 6:00pm

Sunday, April 26 at 6:00pm

Sunday, May 3 at 6:00pm

Focus = planning for, and dealing with, the possibility of a pandemic flu in Hawaii, with special attention paid to the prioritization of vaccines when they become available.

Format = pre-produced packages plus round-table discussion with health community and government personnel, including questions from viewers via telephone and email.

Produced in association with the Hawaii State Department of Health.

PROGRAM: THINK ABOUT IT

DATE/TIME AIRED: Mondays, 9:30pm and 11:55pm
Wednesdays, 9:30pm and 11:55pm
(See scripts for exact dates.)

DURATION: 60 – 90 seconds

SUMMARY/SCRIPT:

May 4, 2009 Flu Clues

Lots of people are weighing in nowadays on the swine flu concern, and rightly so. How ironic, yet timely, that about four weeks ago, and completely by coincidence, KHNL and K5 began airing a three-part, federally-funded, prime time series on a flu pandemic, its inevitability in this state, with a focus on who would and would not receive the limited vaccinations available.

Again, the airing of these specials was not prophetic or planned as a precursor to the current worldwide concerns about a new strain of flu that won't necessarily respond to existing drugs. And what about mutations of this new version of the flu bug? Will the authorities and drug manufacturers be able to provide supplies large enough to inoculate the higher-than-normal numbers we can expect to see line up for shots this fall?

Will the U.S. government be able to ensure that foreign-made sera are readily available on short notice in this country if a widespread pandemic takes hold? Are their business interests at play that might preclude mass doses being manufactured? The best thing you can do right now, aside from practicing vigilant hygiene, is to stay informed, keep apprised by reading up and understanding all of the numerous implications of a major health scare. Hopefully, this one will pass as a serious warning and will help officials make sure the next one, if more serious, can capably and quickly be handled. Think about it...

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, Available spots run throughout the quarter dealing with issues of community concern. (See attachments for lengths and times run.)

AD2

- Biohazard/Flush
- Environmental awareness.

Advertising Council

- Rappin two/Force Habit
 - Fire safety.
- Choice/Earthsh
 - Environmental awareness.
- Kelly Hu
 - RADD.
- Montage
 - Graduation.
- Dempsey Stroke
 - Awareness.
- Precious Cargo/Four Nine Cinderella/Cropped Kids
 - Booster Seat Education
- Father and Son
 - Domestic Violence Awareness
- Safe Winter
 - S. Asia Earthquake Relief
- Choir/Drama Club
 - Parental Involvement in School
- Mind/Strength/Mental Hurricane
 - Hurricane Mental Health Awareness
- Lisa/David
 - Underage Drinking
- Heroes/Minus Rev.
 - Red Cross/Hurricane Relief
- Help for Schools
 - DOE/Hurricane Relief
- NAB screening children's viewing habits
 - Boss of Bad Guys/Boss of Drugs

Al-Anon Alateen

- What It's Like

Alcoholics Anonymous

- Reach Out

Alzheimers Association

- One in Ten/Grandma/Family Album/Nancy60
 - Disease Awareness.
- Think Ahead

-Reducing the risk of

American Cancer Society

- Trans.LKGD
 - Promotion for Look Good Feel Better program.
- Love you Tutu/My name is/Rachels Tips/Audition/Best Friend
 - Disease Education.

American Dental Association

- Dudley and Friends
 - Child dental care.

American Diabetes Association

- Symptoms
 - Disease Education.

American Diabetes Foundation

- Why would I
 - Disease education.

American Heart Association

- Deadly Words/Fast Action/Hard to Remember
 - Disease Education.
- Heart Walk 2006

American Liver Foundation

- Hepatitis B
 - Information on getting tested

American Oceans Campaign

- Wipeout
 - Environmental campaign.

American Red Cross

- There is a Place

Arthritis Foundation

- Soccer/Herschel
 - Disease Education.

ASFS (American School Food Service Association)

- Math Class
 - Nutrition

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

- Sam Choy/Call Today
 - Volunteer recruitment.

- Ashley Lelie
 - Volunteer recruitment.

Boys and Girls Club

- Colin Powell
 - Donation encouragement.
- Passing Notes/Movers
 - Program information.

Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii

- dancers/ukulele/the club

Boys & Girls Town National Hotline

- Did You Know Teen/Parent

Catholic Campaign Human Development Poverty

- Picture Gallery

Centers for Disease Control

- Colorectal Cancer
- Always Give Hugs
 - Parenting
- Flu Campaign
 - increase vaccination rates
- Grandkids

Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii

- Express/D is for Dumb/Okay to Pass/Bee Ball Game/Partycam/Andy Macdonald/Venus & Serena/When Others Ask/Drowning/Wrapped Up
 - Drug education.

Combined Federal Campaign

- Heroes of the Pacific

Cure Autism Now

- Walk Now Hawaii
 - fundraiser

Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption

- Every Child Needs Love/Birthday Party/Johnny W.

Department of the Attorney General

- Home Safety/Drugs/Gangs/Neighborhood/Choices/Peer Pressure/McGruff Truck 02

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

- Crosswalk
- Drug Addiction

Department of Public Works (Refuse)

- Glass/Aluminum/Steel/What you Gonna Do
- Recycling information.

Department of Transportation

- Turn Signals/Blk Intersection/Slow traffic/Seat Belt/Signal Turns/Visibility
- Road safety.

Department of Transportation Services

- Handi-Van
- Transportation information.

Environmental Defense Fund

- Product/Trees
- Environmental Awareness.

Executive Office on Aging

- Sage Plus/Elderly at Home
- Help for Elderly.
- Caregiver
- Help for Caregivers.

Foundation For A Better Life

- Cafeteria/Everyday Heroes/Honesty/Generosity

Get Healthy Now (HMSA)

- Five a day HMSA/Get Outside/Oil Change/Herman Frazier
- Nutrition/Health

Good Beginnings Alliance

- First 5 Years
- Child early education.

Habilitat

- Locker Room/Hearse
- Help information.

Hawaii Bone Marrow Donor Registry

- Be a Hero
- Registration and Donation encouragement.

Hawaii Career Resource Network

- Get Moving

- encourage students to think about their future educ./career goals

Hawaii Lupus Foundation

- Into the Loop
- Disease Awareness.

Hawaii Psychological Association

- 2006 Awards
- Program Promotion.

Hawaii State Civil Defense

- Shopping list/Hazards 1,2,3/Tsunami/Hurricane
- Safety.

Hawaii State Library

- Delima Library
- Library book return encouragement.

Hawaiian Humane Society

- Tiger
 - Spay/Neuter encouragement.
- Balancing Bone/MaryJane&Muffy
 - Older dog/cat adoption encouragement.
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Honolulu City & County

- Underage Drinking

Honolulu Symphony Orchestra

- Emotions
- Find a concert nearby

Hospice Hawaii

- Hospice Care
- Informational spot.

HPD/Information Resources

- Stop Sign/Carry Passenger
 - Bike Safety.
- Maile Alert
 - Child Safety.

Human Rights Campaign

- Parenthood/Friends
- Hate/Racism awareness.

Junior Achievement

- Twenty Kids
- Volunteer to teach.

Juvenile Diabetes

- ZFBB-8083
- Disease awareness.

KHNL/K5 PSAs

- Letter
- 911 information/use.
- JBettis/Joyner Kersee/Van Dyken
- Asthma awareness.

KHNL TMYK

- MB Teen/MB Parenting/ Marvin Lupus/Diane Recycle/Marvin Kids/Alc
- Teen Encouragement, Parenting, Hawaii Lupus Foundation, and Recycling.

Kids Voting Hawaii

- Kids Voting 1 &3

Leukemia/Lymphoma Society

- Goals Landon Donovan
- Awareness

Links Inc, The

- People Like Me
- Organ Donor

Lung Cancer Alliance

- No More Excuses
- Get the facts

Make A Wish Foundation

- Just A Kid

March of Dimes

- Traffic Baby
- Folic Acid during pregnancy education.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

- Centerlines/Spinning Btl
- Drunk Driving.

Muffin and Company

- Muffin Reading
- Literacy.

National Arbor Day Foundation

- Great Thing Growing
- Nature Explore

National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics

- Healthy Life
 - Eating right.

National Colorectal Cancer Action Campaign

- Dominoes
- House Call

National Commission on Writing

- Garfield on Writing

National Crime Prevention

- McGruff School for fraud prevention

National Domestic Violence Hotline

- Make the Call

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction

- New Morning

National Institute on Aging

- Fountain Youth.

National Institute on Drug Abuse

- Text Message

National Meningitis Association

- What Shouldn't Happen

National Safety Council

- Goin for a Ride
 - Safety seat use.
- Transformatio/Transformatio 2
 - Bike helmet and safety gear use.
- YSAB3460/3461
 - Cell phone use and driving safety.

National PTA, The

- Know it all/Standback/School Bus/Bus Safety
 - School bus safety.
- Moments/New Shoes

- Educational Support.

National Wildlife Protection

- Protect
 - Animal rights protection.

Native Hawaii Library Commission

- Reading 2/We are Hawaii
 - Literacy

NATPE

- Nobody is better/Friends/Hate is an
 - Racism.

NBC Inc.

- Various Actors on topics such as...
 - Violence
 - Domestic Violence
 - Drunk Driving
 - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
 - STDs
 - Staying in School
 - Date Rape
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - Teen Pregnancy
 - Drugs
 - Education

NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency)

- Stop Drop Roll/Home Escape
 - Fire Safety.

No Hope in Dope

- Various athletes promoting drug free lives.

Oahu Civil Defense

- OCD Emergency
 - Hurricane Preparedness.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs

- Hawaiian Language
 - Education.

Paralyzed Veterans of America

- Jason Wittling/ Children Thank Veterans/ Don't Forget America's Veterans
 - Info/Write to a veteran

Partnership for a Drug Free America

- DECC2146, DEAA1022, 2194, D is for Dumb/Bee-Ball Game/Smoke/Davey & Glitch/Blind/Praise & Reward
- Drug Abuse Education.

Partnership for Essential Nutrition

- Weight Loss

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

- Hurricane PSA

Preemie Care

- I Already did
- preparedness.

Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii

- Preventable/Ribbon/Think/Time-Out
- Child Abuse Prevention

Produce for Better Health Foundation

- Five a Day
- Healthy Eating.

Project Safe Neighborhoods

- domestic violence awareness

Retail Merchants of Hawaii

- Stem PSA
- Shoplifting.

River of Life Mission

- General
- Mission support.

Rotary International

- Eradicating 30
- Polio

School Nutrition Association

- Math Class
- Education

Shriners Hospital

- Katie/Sage/Ringo Starr

Sierra Club

- Global Warm2/Years
- Environmental awareness.

Stop The Silence Inc
Stop Child Sex Abuse

Surfrider Foundation

- Planet Surf
- Environmental Awareness.

The More You Know (Sponsored)

- Various (ZNBC####-O/R)
- Literacy/Prejudice/Parenting/Mentoring/Judging/Bullying/Child Abuse/Smoking/Designated Driver/Internet Safety

US Department of Transportation

- No Zone 1
- Road Safety.

Waikiki Health Center

- Clouds
- Program information.

Wal-Mart

- Missing Child
- Campaign information.

Wave Riders Against Drugs

- WRAD
- Drug education.

West Glen

- Hidden City
- Ocean awareness.

Winners' Camp

- Winners Camp
- Leadership Camp Promotion.

Winners at Work

- Hire a Winner
- Hiring disabled encouragement.

Women's Fund of Hawaii

- Empowering Women/Abuse

World Wildlife Fund

- Rainforest
 - Environmental awareness.
- People and Places

Y-Me National Breast Cancer Org.

- Knowledge is Power

YMCA Honolulu Chapter

- Martin Luther King
- John Glenn